

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a eLEC COMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-34 TF-00-144
	CERTIFICATE NO. 0226

**ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE AND
APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF**

(Issued June 27, 2003)

On September 29, 2000, the Utilities Board (Board) issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity, identified as Certificate No. 0226, to Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications (Essex), authorizing Essex to provide local telecommunications service in Iowa.

On June 20, 2003, Essex filed a request to cancel its existing certificate, Certificate No. 0226, and also to withdraw its approved tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-00-144. Essex states that it is not operating in the state of Iowa and does not have any Iowa customers.

The Board finds that the cancellation of the certificate and the withdrawal of the tariff are reasonable since Essex has indicated that it has not provided service in Iowa and does not have any customers that would be impacted. If Essex decides to provide local exchange telecommunications service in Iowa in the future, it will be required to file another application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request by Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications, to cancel its certificate of public convenience and necessity, Certificate No. 0226, filed June 20, 2003, is granted.

2. The request by Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications, to withdraw its tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-00-144 is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27th day of June, 2003.